Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Master Sergeant Valerie A. Solano's dedication to service has made her a valuable asset to this state and country; and,

Whereas, We have very few occasions to recognize the patriotic individuals for their service to this state and country; and,

Whereas, Master Sergeant Solano has devoted more than 30 years of her life to the service of this state and country starting her military career on August 2, 1979, when she was assigned to the HHC, 109th Engineer Group in Rapid City, South Dakota, from that date until November 7, 1981, as a Personnel Administrative Specialist; and,

Whereas, On November 8, 1985, Master Sergeant Solano transferred to the HQ STARC in Rapid City, serving 20 years in four different positions to include Personnel Staff NCO, Administrative Specialist, Supply Sergeant, and Logistics NCO, and on September 1, 2005, she transferred back to the HHC, 109th Engineer Group, to serve as Senior Supply Sergeant; and,

Whereas, On April 1, 2007, the HHC, 109th Engineer Group went through a transformation and became the HHD, 109th Regional Support Group, where Master Sergeant Solano served as the Operations Sergeant, providing irreplaceable leadership and as a role model to leaders and subordinates alike; and,

Whereas, Master Sergeant Solano's dedication to duty and high personal standard are credits to herself and the South Dakota Army National Guard; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend Master Sergeant Valerie A. Solano for more than 30 years of dedicated and outstanding service to this state and country:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 31, 2009, as

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in South Dakota, and I join with her family and friends in wishing her well in her retirement and thanking her for her service to the state of South Dakota and to the United States of America.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourteenth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State